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**APPELLANT'S
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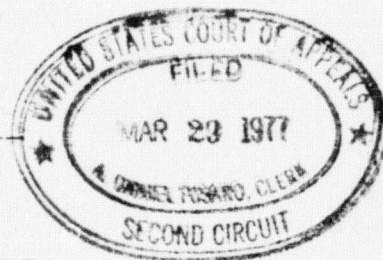
-against-

GERARDO SANCHEZ,

Appellant.

On Appeal From The United States
District Court For The Southern
District of New York

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

In appellant's main brief the Statement of Facts, in large part, was taken from appellant's notice of motion and attached memorandum of law filed on November 3, 1976, but missing from the District Court file at the time of the compilation of the Record on Appeal. A Supplemental Record on Appeal containing that document has been prepared and forwarded to this Court.

A petition for a writ of mandamus was filed in this Court on November 1, 1976. It was denied, as was an application for a stay of the lower court proceedings

submitted on November 3, 1976. While necessarily not part of the Record on Appeal, which includes only pleadings and proceedings in the District Court, they constitute part of the record before this Court.

ARGUMENT

THE DISTRICT COURT IMPROPERLY DENIED WITHOUT A HEARING APPELLANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE INDICTMENT ON THE GROUND THAT COCAINE HAS BEEN MISCLASSIFIED AS A NARCOTIC DRUG.

The brief for the United States of America correctly points out that appellant designated the wrong statute in the main brief.. Appellant was indicted under the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, which became 26 U.S.C. § 4731 and was repealed in 1970, effective May 1, 1971.

Appellant joined in a motion by a co-defendant, Hector Echeverria, raising the precise issue presented now and citing the appropriate statute. The Supplemental Record on Appeal includes the notice of motion and memorandum of law submitted. The District Court denied the application without a hearing, although the expected testimony of nine experts was furnished to that tribunal.

For the reasons advanced in support of the contention that the speedy trial and double jeopardy claims

were not waived by reason of the guilty plea, it is likewise submitted that the issue of the constitutionality of the statute survives on appeal.

Although no court has held the classification herein unconstitutional, lower courts have considered cocaine not a narcotic from a medical standpoint (United States v. Castro, 401 F. Supp. 120 (N.D. Ill. 1975); United States v. Hobbs, 392 F. Supp. 444 (D. Mass. 1975); United States v. Brookins, 383 F. Supp. 1212 (D.N.J. 1974), aff'd, 524 F.2d 1404 (3d Cir. 1975)). It is respectfully urged that this Court remand this case to the lower court, so that the matter can be fully explored and a complete record be made for appellate purposes. Of course, in the alternative, appellant asks this Court to hold that the medical classification of cocaine as a stimulant controls and renders its designation as a narcotic irrational.

CONCLUSION

The judgment of conviction in the District Court should be reversed and the indictment and superseding information dismissed, or in the alternative, the case should be remanded for an evidentiary hearing on the violation of appellant's Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights and on whether cocaine has been misclassified as a narcotic drug.

Respectfully submitted,

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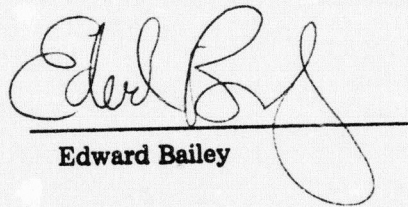
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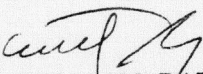
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the Appellee herein, by delivering 3 true
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served to be the person mentioned and described in said papers as the
Appellee therein.

Sworn to before me this
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